

MINUTES
CHICOPEE MOBILEHOME RENT CONTROL BOARD
APRIL 20, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.
BLUE BIRD MHC, LLC

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharyn Riley, Joshua Clark, Lester Gagne

ALSO PRESENT

Christine Pikula, Attorney to the Board

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Joshua Clark: Robert Hopkins, who's ordinarily the chairperson of this board is not here today so I make motion to elect a temporary chairperson.

Sharyn Riley: I nominate Joshua Clark.

Joshua Clark: Motion has been made and seconded to nominate myself as chair. Any questions, comments or concerns? *Motion passes unanimously.*

Joshua Clark: We are here to schedule a date for the rent adjustment hearing for the Blue Bird Mobilehome Park. Mr. Dugre has handed us a copy of the proposal that you will be receiving for the rent increase. So now we'll entertain dates for the rent adjustment hearing.

Christine Pikula, Esq. Tenants have 30 days from when they receive the proposal. 30 days from May 4th is when the tenants will have to respond.

Joshua Clark: June 6th is the respond date for the tenants.

Tenant: Why can't we apply to have the rent lowered?

Joshua Clark: We would have to go through the process. You would have to forward a proposal to decrease the rent.

Christine Pikula, Esq. According to the rules, just as the park owners have the chance to submit something to increase the rent, you would follow the same procedure and give notice to the board and would have to schedule the same initial meeting and we would set the same time frames.

She Explains how to submit a rent decrease.

Joshua Clark Also explains how to proceed. Monday, July 11, 2016 will be the date of the rent adjustment hearing, so that's when you'll know our decision of whether or not it increased or decreased. You want to submit all your materials by June 6th. Mr. Dugre said he will get the proposal to you by May 4th you then a month to confer and come up with what your evidence is and submit it by June 6th. So June 6th is when we need all your information and July 11th is going to be the hearing. We will not be able to hear anything that comes in after June 6th. Also, you can call the Law Department and request a copy of the rules at any time.

Hearing has to be on owner's proposal only.

Sharyn Riley: I'll make the motion to schedule the hearing for July 11th.

Lester Gagne: I second.

Joshua Clark: Motion has been made and seconded to hold the rent increase hearing on July 11, 2016. Any questions, comments or concerns on the motion? ***Motion passes unanimously.***

Motion to adjourn.